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## Division of Public Health Systems

Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention

Maine Department of Health and Human Services

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The Division of Public Health Systems (DPHS) was created in 2005 by an internal reorganization of the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention (Maine CDC), with the purpose of uniting in one Division, certain programs with agency-wide scope and service.

The purpose of The Division of Public Health Systems is to ensure that services provided in its programs operate at the highest level of consistency with the Maine CDC Mission and Vision.



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The Division of Public Health Systems (DPHS) provides oversight and serves as the management umbrella organization for the five programs located in the Division, for which a description follows:

### Health and Environmental Testing Laboratory

The HETL is a state resource for: (1) Monitoring public and private water supplies for chemical and microbiological contaminants necessary for public health and regulatory compliance. (2) Monitoring and diagnosing infectious diseases. (3) Performing a wide range of environmental testing, including radiation and pesticides, and industrial pollutants, (4) Detecting and preventing childhood lead poisoning, (5) Forensic testing for the drug enforcement agency and highway safety, and (6) Providing key alert data to support the state's emergency preparedness to chemical and biological terrorism.

### Office Of Data, Research and Vital Statistics

The Office of Data, Research and Vital Statistics (ODRVS) administers Maine's vital records system and provides quantitative information for surveillance, planning, policy development, program management and evaluation. ODRVS produces detailed population estimates for use within and outside the Department of Health and Human Services and compiles data on health status and health resources.

### Office of Public Health Emergency Preparedness

The Maine Office of Public Health Emergency Preparedness (OPHEP) is the lead state program responsible for the planning, coordination, and response to bioterrorism and other public health emergencies. OPHEP works in collaboration with key federal, state and local agencies to protect the health and lives of people in Maine by strengthening the ability of health agencies and partner organizations to detect, contain and manage public health threats and emergencies.

### Office of Public Health Informatics

The Office of Public Health Informatics (OPHI) provides MCDC Center-wide standards, resources and coordination of information systems in order to assure best practices of public health informatics, encompassing the strategic application and management of information systems for the purpose of producing knowledge to drive and inform public health activities within the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

### Office of Rural Health and Primary Care

The Maine Office of Rural Health and Primary Care manages health personnel recruitment and retention programs; provides technical assistance for communities to receive grants that benefit health care and rural areas, and facilitates communication on rural health issues. The Office gathers and analyzes data to assess resources and makes recommendations for filling gaps and increasing access to primary care, mental health and dental health care services for underserved areas and populations.

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Staff Count: 103

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